(d) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government in this regard to provide adequate finances and developmental opportunities in the rural and urban settlements of National Capital Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The immigration into the Union Territory of Delhi exceeds 1.6 lakh persons per annum because Delhi, besides being the National Capital, offers high employment opportunities and decent urban infrastructural facilities. The National Capital Region Planning Board has approved the Draft National Capital Region Plan-2001, in their meeting held on 21-7-87. The Draft Plan has since been notified for publishing objections/suggestions. The Draft Plan envisages a package of policies and programme to induce growth in other areas of the National Capital Region beyond Delhi and Delhi Metropolitan Area.

Recommendations of Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission

2949. SHRI J P GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices submitted its recommendations to Government this year;

(b) how much time was taken by Government to announce the procurement prices for cereals;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to delayed announcement of procurement prices for cereals, there has not been any significant impact on sowing pattern, if so what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government propose to raise the issue price, and if so, what are the details in this regard, and

(e) whether with the rise in the issue prices, the prices of cereals in the open market will also rise which will hit the poor who are not covered adequately by the Public Distribution System, and if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices submitted its Report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 1987-88 season on 23-2-1987 and on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1987-88 to be marketed in 1988-89 season on 13-7-1987.

(b) The procurement prices in respect of kharif cereals, *viz*, paddy, jowar, bajra; maize and ragi, were announced on 27th August, 1987. The procurement price of wheat and the minimum support price of barley was announced on 12th November, 1987.

(c) It has been the endeavour of the Government to announce procurement/minimum support prices as early in the season as possible The farmers' decisions relating to cropping pattern are based not only on the current and the likely level of prices in future, but also on a number of factors such as weather, rainfall, soil moisture, availability of irrigation, productive technology package, input prices, efficient delivery of inputs and services, etc.

(d) The issue prices of rice have been revised with effect from 1-10-1987 and have been fixed at Rs. 239 (common), Rs. 264 (fine) and Rs. 279 (superfine) per quintal. As regards issue price of wheat, the question will be considered by the Government at the appropriate time.

(e) The Public Distribution System aims primarily at supplying the foodgrains to the consumers, particularly the vulnerable sections of population at reasonable prices. Guidelines have

been issued by the Central Government to all the States/Union Territories for strengthening the Public Distribution System from time to time.

Illegal construction at Shakarpur, Delhi

2950 SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a four storey building with a basement under construction collapsed in Shakarpur, a trans-Yamuna colony on the 16th November, 1987 and a large number of people were trapped in it;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said building was being constructed unauthorisedly;

(d) if so, the action taken against the builders and the building contractors;

(e) whether a survey has ever been made in all parts of the capital where unauthorised constructions have been made or are being made; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(f) whether any action has been taken against the employees of the MCD and the other departments involved in the illegal building racket and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The building under construction collapsed and five people were trapped.

(b) None was killed. Five persons get injuries. Out of the five injured, three were given first-aid and the other two were hospitalised.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) F.I.R. against the Owner Builder was lodged with the police. Since the building was being constructed unauthorisedly, show cause notice was issued on 2-11-87 and demolition notice issued on 9-11-87. On 6.11.87, 7.11.87 and 11.11.87 demolition action against this building was arranged but could not be successful due to non-availability of adequate police force and also the gathering of mob at site. However, the tools of the labourers, working at site, were seized.

(e) and (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Per capita availability of foodgrains

2951. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country has remained stagnant despite a three fold increase in its production since independence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The per capita availability of foodgrains in the country has varied from year to year depending upon the level of production, population, changes in stocks and net imports However, the per capita net availability of foodgrains increased from 394 9 grams per day in 1951 to 476.2 Grams (Provisional) per day in 1986

Procurement of Foodgrains by the F.C.I.

2952. SHRI NARESH C PUGLIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many centres have been opened by the Food Corporation of